

*Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 23 through page 6, line 5 with SB 3-8-07
the following amended paragraph:*

Referring to Figure 5, the button component 20 may be joined together with the outer ring 11 having conductive areas (11a) with a releasable locking action by the wearer. In this embodiment, a wearer can engage the interconnect system 12 readily by merely fastening the button connector 20 of a first layer 21 of the garment 2 to the outer ring 11 of a second layer 22 of the garment 2. The two layers joined together can be made to be water-resistant or waterproof in the area forming the interconnect system 12 to provide additional protection.